

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of October, 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the October 23, 2007, regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Ramsey.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

OCTOBER 23, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the October 23, 2007 meeting agenda with the addition of an informational item regarding the shared extension agent with Giles County, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of September 25, 2007; payrolls of October 1, 2007 and October 16, 2007, totaling \$155,356.82, September 28, 2007 bills in the amount of \$50,000.00 and October 2007 bills in the amount of \$177,157.77, and reports as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

No representatives present.

SOCIAL SERVICES AUGUST 2007, REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Social Services August, 2007 report in the amount of \$52,960.99 with the local of \$6,754.11 was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes; and Jason Ramsey, yes. The motion passed.

Linda Johnson, Director appeared before the board with an additional budget request to continue services for axillary grant participants. It was recommended that Miss Johnson work with administration to investigate any avenues for this additional budget request. Miss Johnson concluded by stating the department would use the needed funds from other elderly programs until March or April and would request at that time if needed.

SCHOOLS NOVEMBER, 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOVE to approve and appropriate the Schools November 2007 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the filing of the meeting minutes of September 24, 2007; and approve all check registers submitted for the month of August and September 2007, and to transfer \$17,250.00 from the Special Fund to the FY 07/089 school budget for use on the Mountain Home Project, was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

TREASURER REPORTS

Supervisor Mr. Thompson inquired as to the monthly closing of the county's books. In response to Mr. Thompson's request, the Finance Manager advised that the last month closed is June 2007 and auditors recommend the months to be closed by the 20th after the month ending.

ANIMAL/LITTER CONTROL OFFICER REPORTS

Remona Jackson, newly hired Animal/Litter Control Officer announced she looked forward to working for the county and would do so in a professional and courteous manner.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, representative appeared with the latest statistics of the library and announced the Christmas Party to be 12-1-2007.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building Official appeared with an update of office activities and education courses being taken.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Frank Slavin, Attorney reported an update on work activities.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Community Services Board

Foli Taylor, Bland County representative to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board resigned her position with the recommendation of an appointee of Ellen Tate.

The Board accepted Ms. Taylor's resignation and commended her on her service representing the county well.

USDA GRANT APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PROJECT APPROVED

*****MOTION to authorize the School Board's request to make application for a \$50,000.00 grant from USDA Rural Development, for the Mountain Home Project, with the school funding the required local match, (\$25,000.00) was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES PROPOSED TABLED

The Personnel Policy changes were tabled until the November 27, 2007 board meeting.

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the Commonwealth's Attorney 07-08 budget, coming from the unanticipated revenue of the Seized Asset Fund, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

PROJECT CADDY ADDITIONAL 07-08 BUDGET APROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to transfer \$520.00 from the county administration travel line item and \$520.00 from the Board's travel line item to the Mental Health Department 07-08 budget for the additional match required for the Project CADDY – Safe and Stable Families Program was made by Henry Blessing and John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

SHERIFF'S ADDITIONAL 07-08 BUDGET REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the additional appropriation to the sheriff's 07-08 revenue and expense budgets in the amount of \$4,089.00 to fund #165 Courthouse Security Fund, for the maintenance of software, which was not budgeted, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

BLAND WASTEWATER PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to Fund 360, 07-08 revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$4,575.00 for the Bland Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report, the balance of a grant received and the amount invoiced, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator provided an update on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL UPDATE

The County Administrator reported an update on the vehicles removed from the county under the Abandoned Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT SHARED

The County Administrator was directed to proceed with the course to request from Virginia Tech and the Extension Department to look to the possibility of having a fulltime extension agent in the County.

PROJECT STEEL PROGRESSES

The County Administrator updated the board with Project Steel and the opportunities being offered to the County. Mr. Sweet was commended on his work in bringing this company into the county.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Appreciation was expressed to county employees, Rodney Ratliff, Steve Nelson and Joel Cagle on long hours spent in bad working conditions to fix the water leaks at the East River Mtn. Tunnel.

MEETING ADJOURNED

This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m. November 27, 2007.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator